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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The procedure followed in regard to the submission of the Travelling Allowance Bills of the staff of Police Stations and Circles is as follows :—

In respect of journeys made in month by Inspectors and the Station staff, Travelling Allowance Bills for each category of officers and men are consolidated and forwarded to the District Police Office by the 5th of the succeeding month; and the Travelling Allowance Bills are checked, verified and passed by the District Superintendent of Police who is both the drawing officer and the controlling officer for the above staff.

" (b) The answer is in the negative."

Representations from the Major Panchayat Boards regarding execution of works.

* 559 Q.—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations have been made to the Government by the Major Panchayat Boards about the delay and difficulty experienced by them in the preparation of estimates for the execution of works; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) The answer [a] to the question is placed on the table of the House."

Alleged beating of a student by the Sub-Inspector of Police, Cuddapah.

* 560 Q.—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any report stating that the Sub-Inspector of Police, Cuddapah, has beaten a student Sri K. Venkatasubbiah to unconsciousness on 26th February 1953 at the Industrial and other exhibition held at Cuddapah;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is reported that an M.L.A. (Sri P. Venkatasubbiah), and the local senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies are witnesses to it;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Assistant Surgeon, Government Headquarters Hospital, Cuddapah, has issued a certificate for the wounds inflicted on the student;

(d) whether it is a fact that Sri P. Venkatasubbiah, M.L.A., met a member of this Cabinet (Hon. Minister for Education) when he visited Cuddapah on 2nd March 1953 and presented a memorandum on behalf of the students and requested the Government to take severe action against the concerned Sub-Inspector of Police; and

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(*e*) if so, whether any action has been taken against the Sub-Inspector of Police?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) *to* (*e*) Government have received information on an enquiry with reference to this question that the student referred to by the hon. Member has filed a complaint before Court and the matter is now *sub judice*."

Local Fund dispensary at Bhavani.

* 561 *Q.*—SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to take up the Local Fund dispensary at Bhavani; and

(*b*) whether the District Medical Officer has recommended to the Government the taking over of the hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Proposals for the provincialization of taluk headquarters medical institutions including the Local Fund hospital, Bhavani, were received from the Director of Medical Services. The Government have since decided that the proposal to take over a few taluk headquarters medical institutions during 1953–54 may be deferred."

Extension of the Malampuzha irrigation to the right bank.

* 562 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum, dated 3rd March 1953, from Sri P. S. Nair on behalf of the people of Puthuppariyaram and Kavalpad amsams in Palghat taluk, South Malabar, requesting the Government for the extension of Malampuzha irrigation now confined to the left bank of the river, to amsams on the right bank also; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Yes; the Government have called for a report from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation)."

Conference for improving the conditions of workers in beedi factories.

* 563 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he held any conference with the proprietors, branch managers and workers of beedi factories either separately or jointly for improving the conditions of the workers after the last session of the Assembly; and

(*b*) if so, the results thereof?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No, but conferences were held before the last sessions.

" (*b*) The subject is still under consideration."